Garden Structure Permissions Policy Child-Friendly Version











We want everyone to enjoy their homes, including their gardens. If you live in a council house and want to put something like a shed, greenhouse, or summerhouse in your garden, there are some rules you need to follow.

Before you build anything, you must ask us for permission.
You'll need to tell us what you want to build, how big it will be, and what you'll use it for. You might also need special permission called planning permission or a building warrant, depending on what you're building and where.



Only people who have their own back garden can build something. You can't build in shared gardens or in front of your house unless it's for something important like storing a wheelchair or mobility scooter.



Once you've asked for permission, we will visit your home to check everything. We'll look at where you want to put the structure and make sure it won't cause problems for other people. Then we'll decide if you can go ahead.



If you've already built something without asking, you'll need to apply for permission afterwards. We will check it and let you know if it's okay. If it's not, you'll have to fix it or take it down. When you move out of your house, you must return the garden to how it was before. If you don't, we might charge you for fixing it.